the locality had not been previously notified as exempted from the operation of Game Rules, and suggesting that all Municipal areas may be exempted from the operation of the game rules, so as to enable the killing of wild beasts without license when they stray into inhabited places and commit havoc.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. D.2 569—28, dated the 6th December 1929, from the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, furnishing his opinion on the subject.

ORDER NO. G. 9325-35—FT. 159-29-5, DATED 7TH FEBRUARY 1930.

Government are pleased to direct that in Municipal areas, tigers and other wild beasts may be killed without license and that rewards may also be granted in such cases to the local shikaries as provided in the order of the 25th September 1929 read above.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

Reviews the Administration Report of the Government Gardens Department for the year 1928-29.

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Report on the working of the Government Gardens Department during the year 1928-29, received with letter No. 1357, dated the 4th January 1930, from the Director of Horticulture.

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Recorded.

2. Government regret to observe that there has again been undue delay in the submission of this report. The usual time for the submission of the Administration Report is the middle of August. But at the special request of the Gardens Superintendent, Government were pleased to extend the time, in the case of the Gardens Department, to the end of September. But not even once has the report been submitted in time. Government are constrained to observe that this is very unsatisfactory and hardly creditable to the Director.

Government consider that the report should be condensed and only the more important events should be referred to in it.

3. Mr. G. H. Krumbiegel was in charge of the Department throughout the year. The post of Assistant Economic Botanist was abolished during the year under report.

4. *Economic Work.*—The work of introduction, acclimatisation and propagation of plants of economic value was continued and several new species and varieties were imported from foreign countries. Fruit culture was carried on as usual in the Government Botanic Gardens, the Bangalore Palace Orchard, the Horticultural Farm and the Central Fruit Nursery. It is interesting to learn that Australian apples are becoming popular and that over 10,000 plants were imported during the year. Many kinds of vegetables, fodders, and green manure plants were also grown on the Horticultural Farm for both experimental and commercial purposes. The working of this Farm resulted in a net profit of Rs. 3,049-6-10 during the year as against Rs. 2,747-1-11 in the year previous, and its products also earned many medals and certificates at the half yearly Horticultural Shows and the Industrial Exhibition held at Mysore.

5. *Scientific Work.*—Numerous plants of horticultural and botanical interest were introduced in the Botanic Gardens and a valuable collection of Northern Indian Forest Flora was presented to the Herbarium by the Botanist of the Imperial Forest College at Dehra Dun to whom the thanks of Government are due. Much information was supplied to the public in regard to the cultivation of economic plants and the

control of plant diseases and pests. Government are glad to learn that the system of fumigation of plants at the departmental Fumigatorium is likely to reduce materially the damage hitherto caused by improper fumigation at the ports of entry.

6. *Economic Development Work.*—Demonstrations in fruit preservation were held at Mysore and other important centres during the year, and the newly appointed Horticultural Inspectors were responsible for giving much valuable advice and help to private horticulturists in the Districts. It is gratifying to note that fruit culture is developing rapidly not only in and around Bangalore but also in the Districts of Kadur and Hassan. Much work was also done in the development of the Poultry Farm in the Lal-Bagh.

7. *Maintenance and Improvement of Gardens.*—The seasonal conditions were on the whole favourable and the numerous major and minor gardens in charge of the Department were maintained in good condition and various improvements were carried out. It is interesting to learn that some mosquito-larvae eating fish imported from Italy and supplied by Dr. Sweet, Director of Health Survey in Mysore were bred in the Lal-Bagh.

8. *Hill Station.*—The Nandi Hill Station maintained its popularity. The number of visitors increased from 947 in 1927-28 to 1,115 during the year under report. Of this number, 231 were visitors from outside the State, including His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India and other distinguished personages which is a record for the Station.

9. *General.*—Government are glad to note that the work of the Department was carried on efficiently during the year and they wish to convey their appreciation to Mr. G. H. Krumbiegel, the Director of Horticulture and his staff.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.